

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

ELECTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in the position of elected supervisor occurs during the district's operating year:

- (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;*
- (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill the vacancy; and*
- (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.*
- (b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.*
- (c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedure set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.*

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that (Name) Thane H. Knox maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS: 2358 E US Hwy 20

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: Angola, IN 46703

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- ☒ Resignation (enclose) of Kevin D. Willibey or
- ☐ Death of or
- ☐ No election held.

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor.

We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Thomas J. Green

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 3/12/2008

Submit to:
Your District Support Specialist

Please visit the following website to
access contact information for your DSS:
<http://www.in.gov/isda/files/dssmap.pdf>

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:

(1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is:

(A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and

(B) located within the district;

(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and

(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

NAME: Thane H. Knox PHONE: (260) 665-7914 DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/YYYY): 8/2/1977

ADDRESS: 2358 E US Hwy 20

CITY: Angola STATE: IN ZIP: 46703

EDUCATION: Tri-State University--B.S. Civil Engineering--2000

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Estimator for Asphalt Paving Contractor

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: Currently Trustee @ Pleasant View Church

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed.

Conservation practices installed: filter strips and tree plantings

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor? Yes ☐ No ☒

If YES, answer the following two questions:

1. What was the date of last service? (M/d/yyyy):
2. What was the reason for termination of last service?
2. How many years did you serve as a supervisor?

I currently hold a public service position/office ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes) I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide ☐ Yes ☐ No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

Name of appointee: Thane H. Knox

Date (M/d/yyyy): 3/12/2008



**Brown County Soil & Water
Conservation District
P.O. Box 308
Nashville, IN 47448
812-988-2211**

June 25, 2008

**To the Indiana State Soil Board
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Dear Board,

The Brown County SWCD would like to request that the use of some funds from our 2006 CWI grant be converted to funds we could use to help flood victims and others that had erosion due to the long and hard rain, in Brown County.

Brown County was hit hard by the recent flood. The rain came so hard and so long, that there are many other erosion issues, not addressed by any of the existing programs.

We have spent \$5,643.00 of the \$18,900.00 that we were allocated. We are working with The Nature Conservancy to get more acres in trees in our final spring of 09. There is over \$13,000.00 left at this time. We know that we will not be able to spend that entire amount on getting our grant fulfilled. We would of course, want to leave enough money to cover what we might expect to do in plantings next spring. This would probably not exceed \$5,000.00. We feel at this time, with so much need, it would be an excellent use of the funds, which would be around \$8,000.00, to help control erosion problems caused by the vast amount of water that came down and caused flooding and erosion.

We are happy to be able to use some of the money from the Marketing Grant. However, we do plan to continue to hold the septic maintenance workshop, as this is important in normal and times of floods.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Closey



**APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

Use this form to apply for CWI Grants: Unique Partnership Program. This application <u>MUST</u> be typed and <u>MUST</u> be submitted on this form or an identical copy.			
1.	Name of Soil and Water Conservation District sponsoring project: Brown County Soil and Water Conservation District		
2.	Address of Soil and Water Conservation District (street, city, state, and ZIP code): P.O. Box 308 Nashville, IN 47448		
3.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Primary contact person (name, affiliation, address): Cathy Paradise, Coordinator Brown County Soil and Water Conservation District</td> <td>Primary contact (telephone, FAX, E-mail): 812-988-2211 812-988-2769</td> </tr> </table>	Primary contact person (name, affiliation, address): Cathy Paradise, Coordinator Brown County Soil and Water Conservation District	Primary contact (telephone, FAX, E-mail): 812-988-2211 812-988-2769
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6.	List additional organizations who will assist with this project: Nature Conservancy – Brown County Hills Project PO Box 1092 Nashville, IN 47448		
7.	List the contributions other organizations will make to this project. Technical assistance to landowners on tree plantings. Development of Tree Planting Plans. 20 year monitoring of tree planting easements		
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9.	Title of project: Corridors of Conservation : Reforestation to reconnect upland forest systems		
10.	Where is the project located? (county, region, watershed) What are the geographic characteristics of the project area? Corridors of Conservation will concentrate on reforestation efforts in Brown County, Indiana within the Salt Creek and Brown County portion of the Beanblossom Watershed. Geographically the project will focus on the restoration of bottomland forests in the Lower, Middle and Upper branches of Salt Creek and the Beanblossom Creek just upstream from Lake Lemon. Special attention will be paid to land that helps reconnect the forest system that used to stretch from ridgetop to ridgetop across bottomland hardwood areas. Currently many of the bottomland hardwood areas are in pasture or agricultural production creating a disconnect in the forest system.		
11.	Describe the project you are proposing. Corridors of Conservation aim to enhance the value and increase the implementation of existing USDA cost share programs to ensure enduring benefits for clean water, biodiversity, wildlife habitat and bottomland timber production. Corridors of Conservation will seek to acquire 20 year		

conservation easements from landowners who are reforesting their properties independently or through USDA or USF&W cost share programs to plant trees. If done independently there is no guarantee that landowners will keep their property reforested, or if the property changes hands the tree planting may be abandoned or converted back into agricultural land. The Corridors of Conservation program will put in place a 20 conservation easement that will be monitored annually by The Nature Conservancy to guarantee that planted tree will have at least 20 years to become established and permanently restore bottomland hardwood forests. The same is true of many USDA and USF&W cost share programs, they ensure that the trees are planted, but typically after 10 years there is no guarantee that the property will remain forested. Many times a 10 year old tree planting can be removed or developed without too much effort. Corridors of Conservation will buy another 10 years of protection allowing the trees to become well established.

Corridors of Conservation is proposing the purchase of conservation easements on reforested areas for a period of 20 years for \$225 per acre (\$11.25 per acre per year for 20 years). Following approved reforestation of the site by the State District Forester, The Nature Conservancy will sign a 20 year conservation easement with the landowner that prevents the landowner from doing any activities that adversely impact the health of the trees and allows The Nature Conservancy to inspect the tree at least once a year to ensure the easement is in force and has not been violated. Once the trees are planted and the conservation easement is signed, the landowners will be paid a flat fee of \$225 per acre (\$120 per acre from The Nature Conservancy and \$105 per acre from the Brown County Soil and Water).

12. What is the desired project outcome? (i.e. What do you hope to accomplish?)

The goal of Corridors of Conservation is to re-establish the majestic bottomland hardwood forests that once ran the length of creek systems in Brown County. The bottomland hardwood forests were some of the most productive and least sloped ground in Brown County. Along with the ridgetops these forest were quickly cleared to make way for homes, row crop agriculture and pasture. Unfortunately once the bottomland hardwood forests were cleared, many of the terrestrial bound vertebrate species such as the eastern box turtle, timber rattlesnake (State Endangered) and Kirtland's Snake (State Endangered) were less likely to move from one forested ridge system or valley to another. Water quality also suffered when row crop agriculture was practiced right up to the edge of 1st, 2nd and 3rd order streams in the area. Corridors of Conservation will strive to reforest and re-establish the forest that once connected one forested ridge system to another and create the habitat needed for the dispersal of terrestrial bound vertebrates through and along stream systems in the area. Over the initial 3 years of the project we would seek to reforest 180 acres of bottomland hardwood forest. The reforestation will be aimed at critical areas that link large blocks of contiguous forest, connect public land, border public land or provide critical habitat for threatened and endangered species. These reforestations will not only benefit terrestrial bound vertebrates, but also forest interior neo-tropical songbirds such as Louisiana Waterthrush and federally endangered species such as the Indiana Bat by creating forested riparian corridors.

13. How will the project impact the soil and water resources of the geographic area in which it is located?

Corridors of Conservation will directly impact the long-term health and quality of the Salt Creek and the Brown County portion of the Beanblossom Watershed by reforesting agricultural, pasture and abandoned land near and adjacent to Salt Creek, Beanblossom Creek and their tributaries. The reforestation of these lands will help slow, filter and absorb run-off, and protect and stabilize soil in the reforested areas. Reforestation has the added benefit of creating wildlife habitat, future timber resources and recreational areas for hunters, hikers, bird watchers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

14. Does this project address a short-term problem or a chronic/on-going problem which will require additional funding once grant funds are diminished? If the project is considered chronic/on-going, explain your plans for additional funding.

Corridors of Conservation enhances efforts already being pursued by USDA and USF&W agencies, but provides some economic incentives to landowners for the guarantee of long-term protection of our water resources. Three years of this program will not restore the bottomland hardwood forest in this area to their pre-settlement extent. However adding an additional 180 acres of bottomland hardwood forest in key corridors will go along way towards re-establishing dispersal routes for terrestrial bound vertebrates and creating habitat for threatened and endangered species. As an ongoing project Corridors for Conservation may find additional funding sources once the Watershed Management Plan for the Beanblossom Watershed is completed in the next year or two. Additional funding would allow the program to expand beyond the existing priority areas into the upper reaches of the watersheds.

15. Budget:

EXPENSE ITEM	TOTAL COST	CWI GRANT AMOUNT	50/50 CASH MATCH
Personnel			
Fringe Benefits			
Contractual	\$40,500	18,900	21,600
Travel			

Equipment			
Supplies			
Other			
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$40,500	18,900	21,600

Total CWI funds requested: \$18,900

50/50 Cash Match: \$21,600

Total Project Cost: \$40,500

List Sources of 50/50 Cash Match:

The Nature Conservancy in Indiana will provide \$21,600 in cash match or 53% of the funds for Corridors for Conservation. The Nature Conservancy as a not-for-profit conservation program will raise funds from donations by private and corporate donors.

Describe Equipment Needed:

All equipment will be provided by the landowners.

Describe Supplies Needed:

Seedlings.

July 2, 2008

State Soil Conservation Board
c/o Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 W. Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: CWI Grant #A337-8-CWI-810
Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant
Nutrient Management for Ag and Urban Sectors
Clark County SWCD

Dear Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Clark County Board of Supervisors in regards to the above referenced Clean Water Indiana Grant we were awarded this year. We recently received the notification that the SSCB granted SWCDs permission to use their 2008 CWI grant funds for flood related projects, and that the funds may be directed to another county if desired.

Our supervisors and staff are very concerned about the extent of damage that our fellow producers have suffered throughout the state. We feel that our CWI funds can best be utilized on assistance projects in a disaster county rather than on workshops and brochures in our county where there was little damage.

We have contacted several SWCDs located in disaster counties as to their current needs and their plans for providing assistance to producers. We have also consulted with our District Support Specialist, Laura Fribley, for her input on the most effective redirection of our funds. After considering the information we were given, we decided that Greene County SWCD could best utilize the funds. Therefore, we would like to request that the SSCB allow us to transfer our \$2,000 CMIG grant award to the Greene County SWCD.

We thank you in advance for your time in considering this matter. Any questions you have may be directed to me at (812) 256-2330, ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Melanie Davis
Administrative Coordinator



APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE GRANT
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: AEizinger@isd.in.gov

Grantee Name	Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address	9608 Highway 62
City/State/Zip	Charlestown, IN 47111

Contact Name	Melanie Davis
Title	Administrative Coordinator
Address	9608 Highway 62
City/State/Zip	Charlestown, IN 47111
County	Clark
Telephone	812-256-2330, ext. 3
E-mail	melanie.davis@in.nacdn.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Sam Hagest								
Project Title	Nutrient Management for Ag and Urban Sectors								
Nutrient Management Practice	<table border="1"><tr><td>Cover Crops</td><td>▲</td></tr><tr><td>No-till Strip</td><td>■</td></tr><tr><td>Nutrient Management Plan</td><td>■</td></tr><tr><td>Buffers</td><td>▼</td></tr></table> Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.	Cover Crops	▲	No-till Strip	■	Nutrient Management Plan	■	Buffers	▼
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Buffers	▼								

Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

Because of the diverse nature of our county, having a large agricultural component, as well as an increasing urban one, we are proposing two events to host. The first is a "Real Estate Development Workshop" to be held during the Southern Indiana Realtors 2008 Home Show. The second is a "No-Till Workshop" to be held during late fall/early winter 2008.

Realtors and developers will be the target audience for our "Real Estate Development Workshop". The workshop will take place at the Home Show development site. It will begin with a brief overview of the types of soils found in Clark County, and their limitations and/or advantages. The use of cover crops as an effective erosion and sediment control measure will be explained, as well as the State and local requirements for their use during construction. Participants will then visit lots within the development (1) to show the use of cover crops to sustain land that has been disturbed, and (2) to show disturbed land unprotected by a cover crop. Sediment loss at each lot will be compared. Information on nutrient management for small lots/backyards will be provided.

We plan to advertise the workshop through direct mailings to area realtors and developers, news releases, and flyers. The District will work with SIRA and the Homebuilders Association of Southern Indiana to create a mailing database. This database will be used for a follow-up survey/contact, and for future mailings and workshops. This will give the District the opportunity to establish a rapport, which it is currently lacking, with realtors in the county, and to strengthen and improve its relationship with developers, who it presently deals with concerning Rule 5 and Rule 13 issues.

Our second event, "No-Till Workshop", will target the agricultural community in our county. Specific nutrient management practices, cover crops, no-till/strip till, and conservation buffers will be discussed, however, the importance of developing a complete nutrient management plan will be emphasized. Breakfast will be provided free of charge to participants; the District will solicit donations for the necessary food items. This workshop will also offer landowners the opportunity to earn Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program (PARP) credit. The topic for this program will complement the agenda for the workshop.

The workshop will be advertised in the District newsletter, news releases, and flyers posted at strategic locations. The District will create a database from the sign-in sheet to be used for follow-up contact, and for future mailings.

It may be argued that targeting an urban audience with one of our events is not an effective means of promoting nutrient management. We would argue, however, that with close to 100 development plans submitted to the District for Rule 13 compliance in 2007, those persons involved with development need to be informed and making

knowledgeable decisions.

By no means meant to be ignored, our agricultural audience is also an important one. Many of our producers have installed nutrient management practices, but do not have a complete management plan; many have no practices installed. Our No-Till Workshop will give us the opportunity to reach these producers and provide them with the resources they need to complete a plan, and/or select suitable practices for their land.

Knowledgeable individuals who are interested in the conservation of our natural resources, and who will make decisions with them in mind are an obvious by-product of this proposal. Improved nutrient management, decreased soil erosion, and better water quality will be the end results.

County	Clark
CIT Region	SE
14-digit HUC Code(s)	05140101140010, 05140101140020, 05140101140050, 05140101070070, 05140101130010
Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project	
1	Flyers
2	Newsletters
3	News Releases
4	Direct Mailings
5	

Briefly state the education event(s) you will host	
1	Real Estate Development Workshop
2	No-Till Workshop
3	
4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s)	
1	Establish cover crop (fertilize, lime, temp. seed, mulch, labor)
2	Handouts & flyers (printing)
3	Soil test
4	Direct mailing (printing & mailing)
5	

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	1170	800
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Cost to establish cover crop		400

Paper (for printing flyers, handouts)		40
Paper (for printing follow-up surveys)		50
Postage (for direct mailing)		150
Postage (for mailing surveys)		150
Other (Itemize Below)		
Soil test for cover crop site		10
Printing direct mailing		400

Total CWI	2000
Total In-Kind Match	1170
Total Project Cost	3170

Date: July 2, 2008

From: Harrison County Soil & Water Conservation District
1855 Gardner Lane NW
Corydon IN 47112

To: Indiana State Soil Conservation Board
101 W. Ohio Street Suite 1200
Indianapolis IN 46204

Regarding: Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant # A377-8-CWI-831

Due to the recent disastrous flooding in Indiana, the Harrison Co. Soil & Water Conservation District voted to act at our last meeting to allow our \$2,000 grant funds from the Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant that was awarded to Harrison Co. SWCD, to be awarded equally \$1,000 to Bartholomew SWCD & \$1,000 to Jackson Co. SWCD.

As a board, we felt this was something we could do to help our fellow counties in their time of need.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

If more information is needed, contact the Harrison Co. SWCD office at 738-8124 Ext. 3.

Sincerely,
Harrison Co. SWCD
Board of Supervisors,

William Watts
Paul Hauswald
Chad Baker
Mike Flock
Jay Wolfe



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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Grantee Name	Harrison Co. SWCD
Address	1855 Gardner Lane NW
City/State/Zip	Corydon IN 47112

Contact Name	Virginia Morris
Title	Office Manager
Address	1855 Gardner Lane NW
City/State/Zip	Corydon IN 47112
County	Harrison
Telephone	812-738-8124 Ext. 3
E-mail	virginia.morris@in.nacdn.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Jay Wolfe								
Project Title	Pasture Planting Workshop								
Nutrient Management Practice	<table border="1"><tr><td>Cover Crops</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>No-till Strip</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Nutrient Management Plan</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Buffers</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table>	Cover Crops	<input type="checkbox"/>	No-till Strip	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrient Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buffers	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.

Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 word or less)

The District plans to host a Pasture Planting Workshop in the Fall of 2008 to educate landowners on the proper application of seeding, fertilizer & the use of planting equipment. A site will be prepared in advance to demonstrate proper planting and fertilization techniques. The District plans to have various speakers at the event and will have educational materials available. As a result of this workshop, a desired outcome will be more landowners implementing good pasture management, which will in turn lead to decreased soil erosion, reduced nutrient and manure runoff, and increased forage production. The event will be advertised in local newspapers, the SWCD newsletter, and flyers posted in the office and other locations in the county promoting the event. The follow-up procedure will consist of contacting landowners in person or by phone after the event.

County	Harrison
CWJ Region	SE
14-digit HUC Code(s)	5140104090080
Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project.	
1	Pasture management articles for newspaper/newsletter
2	
3	
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Briefly state the education event(s) you will host.	
1	Pasture Planting Workshop
2	
3	
4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s).	
1	Demonstration site costs
2	Newspaper ad fees, newsletter costs, printing & postage fees
3	Employee/supervisor mileage and per diem
4	Port-A-Potty rental
5	

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWJ Funds Requested
Personnel	200	600
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		225
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Port-A_Potty Rental		65
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Seed, Fertilizer & Lime for demonstration area	200	800
Paper, ink, postage & printing expenses & follow-up		200
Site preparation	500	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Newspaper advertisement		100
Soil Test		10

Total CWJ	2000
Total In-Kind Match	900
Total Project Cost	2900

BLACKFORD
COUNTY
SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT



"Protecting
the soil & water of our
county"

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ASSOCIATE
SUPERVISOR

Karen Kitterman
District Administrator
Karen-kitterman@iaswcd.org

May 19, 2008

State Soil Conservation Board
101 W. Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Sirs,

Blackford County received the CMIG from CWI. I didn't list My needs like I should have and I am requesting the chance to change it. I requested \$900 needed for follow-up contact. What I would like to do is use the \$900 to order pond management books to be given to workshop participants after they complete an evaluation form.

Please let me know if I can proceed with this idea and still be within the limits of the grant?

Thank you,

Karen

Karen Kitterman
District Administrator
Blackford Co. Soil and
Water Conservation District



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Grantee Name	Blackford County Soil & Water Conservation District
Address	P.O. Box 766
City/State/Zip	Hartford City, IN 47348

Contact Name	Karen Kitterman
Title	District Administrator
Address	P.O. Box 766
City/State/Zip	Hartford City, IN 47348
County	Blackford
Telephone	765-348-1404
E-mail	kkitterman@blackfordcounty.com

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Rex Baxter, SWCD Chairman
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Federal ID Number	06-1750445
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Project Title	Pond Management
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Nutrient Management Practice	<div>Cover Crops No-till Strip Nutrient Management Plan Buffers</div>	Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.
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County	Blackford
CIT Region	NE
14-digit HUC Code(s)	5120204040030

Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00
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Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes (in words or less)

Conduct a Pond Management Field Day on a local privately owned pond. Guest speakers to include representatives from spray service and a fish hatchery, an Agriculture Consultant for Purdue Extension and the local Planning Commission to the local regulations. Local land owners will be encouraged to attend and the workshop will also be open to the general public. Fish suitable for pond stocking will be available and some will be offered at no cost to some participants. Pond analysis recommendations can be scheduled at the event.

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project	
1	Advertisement/promotional in two local newspapers
2	Advertisement/promotional in local radio station
3	Promotional posters
4	promotional fliers

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Briefly state the education event(s) you will host

1	Pond Management Field Day
2	
3	
4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s)

1	Port-O-Pot - \$85.00
2	Transport of chairs - \$20.00
3	Fish - \$50.00
4	Promotional Advertising, Printing, Postage- \$435.00+A103
5	

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requi
Personnel	500	
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Port-O-Pot		85
Transport of chairs		20
Fish		50
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Advertising - 2 local newspapers		250
Advertising - 1 local radio station		110
Mowing preparation for field day		50
Other (Itemize Below)		
30 folowup contacts by conservation minded person		900
mileage @\$.40/mile		100
Promotional Advertising, Printing, Postage		435

Total CWI	2000
Total In-Kind Match	500
Total Project Cost	2500



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
10729 Randall Avenue, Suite 2 – Aurora, IN 47001 – Phone (812) 926-2406, Ext. 3

July 2, 2008

Indiana State Department of Agriculture
Attn: SSCB
101 W Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Nola Gentry,

The Dearborn County Soil & Water Conservation District has monies left from the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG) for the Urban Cost Share Program on Rain Gardens. We have spent \$1605.70 in administrative costs (printer ink, paper, advertisement, mailing supplies and materials for fair display). All cost share monies have been allocated for installation of Rain Gardens. We have a remaining \$394.30 and we would like to dedicate part of this money towards a Rain Garden Educational/Field Day. The remaining will be used for signage. The signage will be placed in front of the landowner's home stating the rain garden was funded by CWI through Dearborn County Soil & Water Conservation District designed by the engineering company that donated time.

We thank you for considering our request for an Education/Field Day on Rain Gardens with the remainder of our SNRG funds.

Respectfully,
Jennifer G. Hughes
Stormwater Coordinator



APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

Grantee Name	Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address	10729 Randall Avenue
City/State/Zip	Aurora / IN / 47001

Contact Name	Jennifer Hughes
Title	Storm Water Coordinator
Address	10729 Randall Avenue
City/State/Zip	Aurora / IN / 47001
County	Dearborn
Telephone	(812) 926-2406 ext. 3
Email	jennifer.hughes@in.nacdnet.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Ted Fowler
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Project Title	Urban Conservation Cost Share Program
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Rain Gardens

Describe your proposed project and how it will address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to include key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)
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A rain garden is a landscaping feature using native perennial (a plant that normally lives more than two growing seasons and, after an initial period, produces flowers annually) plants. The garden is used to manage storm water runoff from impervious surfaces such as roofs, sidewalks, and parking lots. When you create a rain garden you can improve local water quality while establishing a beautiful natural area that will attract birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Rain gardens allow rain and snowmelt to seep naturally into the ground. This helps recharge our groundwater supply, and prevents erosion and polluted storm water runoff. Rain gardens are an important way to make our cities and towns more attractive places to live, while benefiting the wildlife. (IASWCD Website - Pathway to Water Quality)

Dearborn County SWCD's business plan has the objectives of reducing erosion and non-point source pollution on urban sites, educating citizens on soil and water conservation and all natural resource protection, and enhancing and improving the wildlife habitat in Dearborn County. This cost-share program will met those objectives. The SWCD will offer a cost share program to all Dearborn County landowners with 75% paid through CWI and 25% paid by the landowner, with a maximum cost share of \$1000. Rain gardens collect storm water runoff and remove pollutants through filtration. This is accomplished through absorption, filtration, plant uptake, microbial activity, decomposition, sedimentation, and volatilization (Indiana Storm Water Quality Manual). According to the Indiana Storm Water Quality Manual, rain gardens remove 70% - 83% total phosphorus, 93% - 98% of metals (Cu, Zn, Pb), 68% - 80% total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), 90% of total suspended solids, 90% of organics, and 90% of bacteria.

The key steps and benchmarks of the grant are as follows:

1. Promote the program through the newsletters, newspaper, newspaper articles, flyers, and the Dearborn County SWCD website immediately upon grant award
2. Provide cost share on a first come, first serve basis for landowners with property inside an urban area
3. Design rain gardens based on specifications laid out in the Indiana Storm Water Quality Manual
4. Supervise installation and inspect completion for required specifications
5. Install funded by and designed by signs on property for a minimum of one month
6. Allow cost share for all materials required in rain garden construction and rental of construction equipment
7. Require completion before December 31, 2008
8. Provide updates to ISDA and SSCB as required including acreage and load reduction
9. Set up a display about rain gardens at the local fair to promote public awareness

The ultimate desired outcome of the program is to keep pollutants such as fertilizers, sediments, metals, and bacteria out of the waters of the state. The cost share will be for at least eight landowners.

List specific partners who will assist with this project as well as the amount of their contribution			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
Dearborn County Commissioners	500		
Engineer - Hrezo Engineering	5000		
Engineer - Bayer Becker	10000		
Dearborn County GIS Department	100		
			Total 15600

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWF Funds Requested
Personnel - 2 staff at \$16/hour	3200	
Fringe Benefits		
Travel	500	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Printer Ink & Copier Toner		800
Printer Paper		100
Advertisement - Radio & Print		200
Mailing Supplies		500
Materials for Fair Display		100
Promotional "Funded by" signs		300
Other (Itemize Below)		
Cost Share (installation & equipment rental)		8000

HAMILTON COUNTY

Soil & Water



CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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State Soil Conservation Board
Attn: Amy Eizinger
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

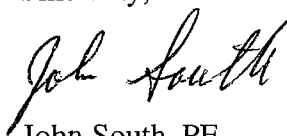
Subject: 2008 CWI Marketing Grant A

Dear Ms. Eizinger,

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to change the number of meetings per our 2008 CWI Marking Grant application. We currently agreed to six meetings (two urban and four agriculture). We would like to drop the two urban meetings. By making this change we may qualify for addition grant monies.

Thank you for your considering our change for this grant. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 317-773-2181 ext. 106 or my email address is;
john.south@in.nacdnet.net.

Sincerely,



John South, PE

JS/tm



**APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE GRANT
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

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Grantee Name	Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address	1108 South 9th Street
City/State/Zip	Noblesville, IN 46060

Contact Name	Shaena Smith
Title	Urban Conservationist
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County	Hamilton
Telephone	(317) 773-2181 ext. 107
E-mail	shaena.smith@in.nacdnet.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Rodney Rulon
Project Title	Clean Water Hamilton County
Nutrient Management Practice	

Cover Crops
No-till Strip
Nutrient Management Plan
Buffers

Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.

Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

We are proposing a series of educational field days to teach landowners about sediment reduction and nutrient management. In order to best serve the diverse population in Hamilton County, we will hold two of these field days at urban sites within the City of Carmel and Town of Fishers, and four of these field days at agricultural sites in different townships within Hamilton County.

The urban workshops will take place in the late spring or early summer, and will focus on backyard conservation practices, specifically nutrient management plans and buffer strips like pond edge enhancements, alternative pond bank treatments, and rain gardens. They will feature guest speakers and on-site tours. We also plan to develop a sediment and nutrient management brochure or booklet to give to all attendees. This booklet will detail the different best management practices that urban landowners can use to control erosion and improve water quality within their own neighborhoods. We will advertise through the newspapers, as well as by sending a targeted mailing to homeowner associations. After the workshops, we will follow up with at least 10 attendees, and encourage them to implement some of the practices they learned.

The four agricultural field days will take place in the late summer or early fall at a farmer's place of business, and will discuss cover crops, no-tilling, buffer strips, and nutrient management. We will explain the details and benefits of these practices, as well as the technical and cost-share programs available for landowners. We will advertise for these through the newspapers as well as a targeted mailing. After these field days, we will follow up with at least 20 attendees, and urge them to install the discussed practices.

By holding several workshops throughout the county, we will be able to tailor the presentations and topics to the specific audience present. This will allow attendees a more personalized experience, will probably result in a higher number of conservation practices being installed, and will provide improved water quality in Hamilton County.

County	Hamilton
CIT Region	CNW
14-digit HUC Code(s)	05120201120060, 05120201060050, 05120201090040, 05120201100150
Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project	
1	Advertisements in potentially 3 newspapers
2	100 copies of an 8-page color booklet on urban conservation practices
3	1000 workshop announcement letters to landowners
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Briefly state the education event(s) you will host	
1	2 urban workshops in different towns
2	4 agricultural workshops in different townships
3	
4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s)	
1	Purchasing Newspaper Advertisements - \$630
2	Printing 100 copies of an 8-page color booklet on urban conservation practices - \$150
3	Copying 1000 workshop announcement letters to landowners - \$60
4	Postage for mailing 1000 workshop announcement letters - \$160
5	40 hours of Personnel Time (at \$25/hour) for Follow-up - \$1000

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
1000 copies of workshop announcement letter	\$ -	\$ 60.00
100 copies of 8-page color booklet	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Other (Itemize Below)		
Newspaper advertisements	\$ -	\$ 630.00
Postage for mailing 1000 workshop announcement letters	\$ -	\$ 160.00

Total CWI	\$ 2,000.00
Total In-Kind Match	\$ 1,500.00
Total Project Cost	\$ 3,500.00

May 12, 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Martin Co. SWCD has been approached by the Knox Co. SWCD in regards to participating in a multi county CMIG Field Day. We are requesting permission to use our CWI CMIG grant money to participate in this event. In combining available funds and personal from the six counties, we would be able to have a larger and better event. Plans are to hold the event at a large no-till farm in Knox Co. Attendees will be able to see first hand the advantages of no-till farming along with the machinery involved. They would also have the chance to hear Jill Clapperton, Dr. Eileen Kladvko, and Barry Fisher, which would not be possible at an individual county event.

Changes to the usage of funds would be:

Speaker would go from \$100.00 to \$300.00

Newsletter would go from \$440.00 to \$215.00

Rent for Community Building would go from \$75.00 to 0

With the addition of \$100.00 for transportation of attendees. We are going to rent a 15-passenger van.

The educational materials and advertising will stay the same.

We feel that this is a great opportunity to give attendees an on site educational experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa M. Harder
District Coordinator
Martin Co. SWCD
P. O. Box 34
Shoals, IN 47581



APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE GRANT
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Grantee Name	Martin County SWCD
Address	P. O. Box 34
City/State/Zip	Shoals, IN 47581

Contact Name	Teresa Harder
Title	District Coordinator
Address	P. O. Box 34
City/State/Zip	Shoals, IN 47581
County	Martin
Telephone	812-247-2423
E-mail	tharder@yahoo.com

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Gene Sherfick								
Project Title	Nutrient Management Workshop								
Nutrient Management Practice	<table border="1"><tr><td>Cover Crops</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>No-till Strip</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Nutrient Management Plan</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Buffers</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table>	Cover Crops	<input type="checkbox"/>	No-till Strip	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrient Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buffers	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

We will hold a Nutrient Management Practices Workshop at the Martin County Community Building. The event will include a speaker(s) who will educate landowners on the advantages of conservation practices such as no-till planting, grazing, cover crops, and buffer strips. Our District Conservationist, Joe Williams will talk with landowners on the conservation programs available. We will also have a display, which will include examples of proper conservation practices and the problems that can occur without these measures. Educational materials will be made available to the attendees. We hope to educate the landowners on practices and possible cost share programs that will fix current problems and avoid problems in the future.

Pre-event preparation will consist of the mailing of Newsletters to 700 landowners, newspaper ads, radio ads, and flyers.

Post-event follow up will be the mailing of event surveys that will show the effectiveness of the workshop and tell the District how we can better meet the needs of landowners. The surveys will also include a self-addressed stamped envelope for easy participation.

County	Martin
CIT Region	SW
14-digit HUC Code(s)	05120208160120
Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project	
1	Educational hand outs on no-till planting, filter strips, grazing and cover crops.
2	Newsletter articles.
3	Newspaper articles and ads.
4	Radio ads.
5	Flyers to be placed in local business.

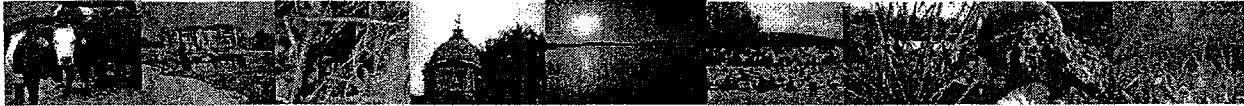
Briefly state the education event(s) you will host	
1	Nutrient Management Workshop w/educational speaker(s) on no-till, filter strips, cover crop, & grazing
2	
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4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s)	
1	Speaker(s) - \$100.00
2	700 Newsletters (includes postage) - \$440.00
3	Rent for Community Building - \$75.00
4	Educational materials - \$100.00
5	Advertising - \$285.00

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	440	
Fringe Benefits		
Travel	50	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Newsletter - Mailed to 700 landowners (includes postage)		440
Advertising - Newspaper/Radio/Flyers		285
Follow up survey (includes sase & postage)		900
Information response (postage & packaging)		100
Educational materials		100
Other (Itemize Below)		
Speaker(s)		100
Rent of Community Building for event		75

Total CWI	2000
Total In-Kind Match	490
Total Project Cost	2490

Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District



1931 South Liberty Drive ♦ Bloomington, Indiana 47403 ♦ 812.349.2046 ♦ www.monroe.iaswcd.org

2008 Board of Supervisors

Robert Woodling, II, Chairman; Ben Stidd; Keith McConnell; Larry McConnell and Dallas Condor

June 5, 2008

Indiana Soil Conservation Board

Re: Requesting a redirection of funds

Dear Members of the Indiana SSCB:

We want to assure the State Soil Conservation Board that the original focus of our grant request has not changed. It is still the objective of Monroe Co SWCD to use the CWI Marketing Funds to promote and encourage strong conservation ethics to the landholders of Monroe and surrounding counties. We the Board of Supervisors for Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation feel we can reach a larger and more varied audience by making the following addition/changes to our \$2000 CWI Marketing Grant.

- 1) We would like to use the CWI Marking funds hold two different field days instead of one
 - o A Conservation Farm Tour
 - o Invasive Weed Management & Control
- 2) In addition to advertising for the two field days we would like to use some of the Marketing funds to advertise for our \$10,000 CWI Grant.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Monroe County Board of Supervisors

Improving Monroe County one conservation practice at a time!

The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District is a sub division of state government. Our purpose is to provided the Monroe County residents a link to local, state, and federal conservation programs. The SWCD is part of a partnership which includes: USDA's Natural Resources Conservation District, Purdue Cooperative Extension, USDA's Hoosier Heartland RC&D, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation and Local Government Agencies.



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CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE GRANT
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Grantee Name	Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Contact Name	Martha Miller
Title	District Coordinator
Address	1931 S Liberty Drive
City/State/Zip	Bloomington IN 47403
County	Monroe
Telephone	812-349-2046
E-mail	martha.miller@in.nacdn.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Kip Myers
Project Title	Soil Quality Improvement

Nutrient Management Practice

Cover Crops
No-till Strip
Nutrient Management Plan
Buffers

Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.

County	Monroe
GI Region	CSW
14-digit HUC Code(s)	All Monroe County Ones
Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00

Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

Marketing Grant Project Overview:

Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District in partnership with Purdue Cooperative Extension of Monroe County will hold a field day in the fall of 2008 targeting Nutrient Management Planning, The Value of Cover Crops and Buffer Strips and Pasture Improvement. Additionally the SWCD will engage an expert to speak at the Monroe County SWCD 2008 Annual Meeting to be held in the winter of 2009 on one of the listed topics.

Key Steps:

- Secure the experts to speakers for the field day to speak on the specific topics: Nutrient Management Planning, Pasture Improvement and The Value of Cover Crops and Buffer Strips.
- Secure an expert speaker for the annual meeting. A speaker that will expound upon one of the specific topics covered at the field day.
- Promote both the field day and annual conference on a larger scale throughout Monroe County. Using such methods as: an information booth and handouts at the County Fair, partnership meetings with Farm Bureau, Inc., Purdue Cooperative Extension newsletters, newspaper ads, public service announcements, mailing's to individual landholders and on the SWCD website.
- A list of participants will be compiled.
- After the workshop all participants will be contacted to complete a short survey and given the opportunity to submit additional questions.
- A record will be kept of these follow up questions and the answers. During the follow-up process the SWCD will offer to arrange a site visit to address the landholder's concerns directly. This visit may be from the DC, or a district appointed expert representative.

Desired Outcome:

Monroe County SWCD has three desired outcomes from this marketing project the first would be that landholders would gain knowledge regarding the value of conservation, the second that landholder would be provided the ability to analyze their individual soil test data, applying nutrients according to the soil test results; and the third and final desire would be for landholders to gain knowledge regarding the value of why cover crops help with

and final desire would be for landholders to gain knowledge regarding the value of why cover crops help with sediment and nutrient management and the desire to plant a cover crop.

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project

1	Brochures, Flyers and Newsletter paper and ink
2	Table Top Displays and Layout and Design for Booths
3	Media Advertising: Newspaper, Shopper, Radio, TV
4	Labor for folding/labeling/stuffing mailings
5	

Briefly state the education event(s) you will host

1	Field Day Fall 2008
2	Annual Meeting speaker
3	
4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s)

1	1500 for field day promotion and speakers
2	500 Annual meeting speaker
3	
4	
5	

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	3250	
Fringe Benefits	600	
Travel	100	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Printer	200	
Computer	100	
Volunteer Consultant	100	
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Laser Printer Ink	200	200
Paper for Newsletter's	50	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Postage		300
Annual meeting speaker		500
Newspaper Ad and Newsletter Printing		1000

Total CWI	2000
Total In-Kind Match	4600
Total Project Cost	6600



PARKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

252 South Ridgewood Drive
Rockville, IN. 47872
(765) 569-3551, Extension 3
FAX: (765) 569-6551

May 28, 2008

State Soil Conservation Board
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Dear State Board Members:

We are planning to promote our CWI Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant for Pasture/Livestock Management Field Day in August. In our supervisor meeting discussions we have concluded we might not need as much for personnel as originally planned. We do plan to have a speaker for the Field Day but would not incur the expenses we thought it might.

The Vermillion County SWCD is hosting a CWI sponsored Regional No-Till Seminar July 30 with Jill Clapperton as the main speaker and is requesting sponsorship from other Districts. This is a regional seminar with people in a 100 mile radius being invited. Reallocating funds to help defray some of the expense of this seminar would benefit all participants and our CMIG Field Day would not be hindered. Our supervisors and NRCS personnel are involved with promoting the No-Till Seminar locally and will also be participating.

The Parke SWCD supervisor would like to request from the State Soil Conservation Board permission to use \$500 from the CWI CMIG (Personnel Line Item) funds to help on the expenses for the No-Till Seminar.

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

John Craycraft

John Craycraft
Chairman

JC:jdww



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STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Grantee Name	Parke County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Title	Administrative Assistant
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County	Parke
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E-mail	jaci.witty@in.nacdn.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	John Craycraft								
Project Title	Heavy Use Protection Area								
Nutrient Management Practice	<table border="1"><tr><td>Cover Crops</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>No-till Strip</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Nutrient Management Plan</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Buffers</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table>	Cover Crops	<input type="checkbox"/>	No-till Strip	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrient Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buffers	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.

Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

We would like to propose Heavy Use Protection Areas to local landowners to help maintain pasture management with concentrated feeding areas and/or livestock watering areas. These concentrated feeding areas would be easier for producers for feeding and handling livestock and help keep runoff from streams and maintain pasture integrity. These protection feeding areas would keep nutrients in place rather than have the soil surface constantly torn up. We would like to promote these protection areas through a field day where we will have a partially constructed heavy use protection area started and complete it during the field day. Efforts to make landowner more aware of proper location of feeding areas and where they would be accessible to a roadway or other undisturbed areas would also be a goal of the field day. Flyers or brochures will be distributed and news articles, radio announcements, and word of mouth will be used to promote the field day. We would also have an Extension Educator or other guest speaker, along with Natural Resources Conservation Service and Indiana State Department of Agriculture personnel providing their expertise. Desired outcome would be to help cooperators have a better livestock feeding area and less compacted soil and pasture and less runoff into nearby streams. We would also like to build a database of local landowners to use with other conservation measure programs as they become available.

County	Parke
CIT Region	CSW
14-digit HUC Code(s)	05120110060080; 05120108190010; 05120108190020; 05120110050070
Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project	
1	Newspaper Articles
2	Brochures
3	Flyers
4	Radio Announcements
5	Personal (and/or written) Invitation

Briefly state the education event(s) you will host	
1	Demonstration Field Day for Heavy Use Protection Areas
2	
3	
4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s)	
1	Equipment/Contractor fees to build the heavy use protection areas
2	Cost of Materials - geotextile materials, rock, lime, plus hauling
3	Fees for speaker
4	Costs and postage for promotional materials
5	Database expenses

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fringe Benefits	\$500	
Travel	\$500	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Tractor or Dozer 4 hours @ \$60		\$240
Truck for hauling materials 40 Tons @ \$7 ton		\$280
Geotextile fabric 100 square yard @ \$.80	\$80	
Lime 10 Tons @ \$12 ton		\$120
Rock #53 Apx 30 Tons @ \$12 ton		\$360
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Flyers/Brochures	\$150	
Postage	\$20	
Database Expenses for mileage and phone call follow-up	\$200	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Speaker, Mileage	\$150	

Total CWI	2000
Total In-Kind Match	2600
Total Project Cost	4600



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Sullivan County

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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812-268-5157 EXT 202

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Ms. Nola Gentry, Chairperson
State Soil Conservation Board
101 West Ohio St, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

May 15, 2008

RE: 07-CWI-315

Dear State Soil Board Members:

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The Birds in the Buff program has gained some recognition throughout the State. The Turkey Federation came to Sullivan SWCD asking to participate and Starke County SWCD asked to use the marketing materials that were created for the program.

Thank you for your time and consideration to our request.

Respectfully,

Bill Coulson
Chairman



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Unique Partnership Program
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cris Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov

Grantee Name:
Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District and Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount	
1.Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation Dist	\$600	6.Greene County Highway Dept	\$500	
2. Greene County Soil & Water Conservation Dist	\$2,000	7. NRCS- 100 hrs @ \$ 20.00 per	\$2,000	
3.Quail Unlimited	\$2,000	8.DNR- 120 hrs @ \$20.00 per hr	\$2,400	
4.Sycamore Trails RC&D	\$500	9.FSA-CRP-CP33 for 850 acres	\$190,000	
5.Sullivan County Highway Dept.	\$2,500	10. ISDA- Technical support	\$500	
			Total	\$203,000.00

Grantee Address:
Address 2316 North Section Street
City/State/Zip Sullivan, IN 47882-7524

Grantee Contact Name:
Title Judith M. Bengochea
Address 2316 North Section Street
City/State/Zip Sullivan, IN 47882-7524
County Sullivan
Telephone 812-268-5157 ext 3
E-mail judy.bengochea@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount:
\$10,000.00

Project Start Date:
1-May-07

Project Expiration Date:
30-Apr-08

Federal ID Number:
84-1684239

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Wayne Jackson, Chairman
Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:
"Birds in the Buff 2007" would be a continuation of the 2006 project. The conservation practices to be marketed will be wildlife friendly filter strips and field borders. This marketing program promotes already existing Federal and State programs. The Conservation Reserve Program, CP 33, encourages farmers to install 30 to 120 feet of wildlife friendly buffer strips and borders along their steams and edges of their fields. Sullivan and Greene Counties have a goal of contracting 850 acres of buffer stripes in the two counties. This project was granted CWI funding in the 2006 round of grants. At this time, August 25, 2006, the project is just beginning to get underway due to contract and startup delays. The SWCD staff and been compiling the marketing materials and the steering committee has been interviewing for the technician positions. It is anticipated that the technicians will be in place and ready to start promoting the buffer strips by Oct. 1, 2006. The technicians will work through the winter so that the landowners will be ready to start installing practices in the spring of 2007. This program needs to be continued for several years to realize its effectiveness.

Where is the project located?
County Sullivan and Greene Counties
Region Southwest
Watershed Middle Wabash Watershed and West Fork of White River Watershed

How will the project impact the geographic area?

If the marketing program attains the goal of contracting 850 acres of buffers it would bring in \$190,000 in Federal money to Sullivan and Greene County landowners in the first year. Additionally, there would be annual payments for up to 10 years. This year would bring \$21 Federal Conservation dollars for each \$1 of state funds invested. An average payment to the individual landowner would be:

Annual Payment for 10 years= \$80.00 per acre.

Installation Cost Share (up to 90%) = \$157.50 per acre

By providing quality habitat, it is possible to decrease the fragmentation of bird habitat and provide contiguous natural areas for varied species. It will also provide food, protection from predators, cover, and travel corridors. Buffers will also provide secondary benefits by limiting sediment, nutrients, pesticides and other contaminants from entering streams or other water bodies. Noble County has had a buffer strip program in place for approximately 10 years. The county surveyor estimates that he has cut the county's ditch maintenance cost to 40%. Nobel County cost shares with land owners to put buffers along each legal drain. Sullivan County has 875

miles of roads that mostly border agricultural fields. The county engineer estimates that the Highway Dept. spends \$20,000 per year to remove approximately 2,000 tons of soil. Greene County has about 900 miles of roadways.

Their highway foreman estimates that the county removes 50,000 tons of soil per year with an expenditure of over \$50,000. Both county highway superintendents recognize that there is a problem, but neither has a solution. Over time, this program will reduce the cost of ditch maintenance for both highway Departments. The highway superintendents are willing to observe and record results of soil loss reduction near the installed practices in order to evaluate the program for future funding. It will take several years of promoting this program to show measurable results, but each buffer strip that is installed will increase wildlife, filter sediment and chemicals, improve water quality and save precious funds for each county.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

Sullivan County SWCD, Greene County SWCD and Quail Unlimited plan to continue marketing Buffer Strips to restore habitat for Quail, Pheasants and upland songbirds, preserve soil and improve water quality. Additional partners will be NRCS, DNR, FSA, ISDA and Sycamores Trails RC&D. Sullivan and Greene Counties' Highway Departments will have a vested interest in the program. The conservation practices being marketed are wildlife friendly filter strips and field borders. The purpose of this conservation practice is to reverse the long-term decline of upland birds due to the loss of their habitat. The buffers will also limit sediment, nutrients, and pesticides from entering streams and other bodies of water thus improving water quality. Additionally, the county highway departments would have a savings in labor costs of ditch cleaning. The program is compatible with the CP33 Habitat Buffer Program, which is a continuous CRP program. The CP33 would potentially pay up to 90% of the installation costs. Also, the landowner would receive an annual maintenance payment. The CRP contracts are generally for 10 or 15 years. The program is also compatible with DNR's Indiana Quail Habitat Incentive Program, which may be in addition to the CRP Program. Two part time technicians have been retained on a contractual basis to promote the program. They meet with individual landowners to educate them about the program and assist them in preparing the initial paperwork and follow through with the landowner to insure the installation of the practice. The technicians may also present educational workshops to inform the public. The SWCD offices would also assist in promotion of the project by preparing brochures etc.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

Sullivan County has a Locally Led Committee which is comprised of the Soil and Water Conservation District, FSA, County Committee, District Forester, District Wildlife Biologist, NRCS District Conservationist, Purdue Extension, representatives of local agriculture groups, county officials and local citizens. This committee was formed in 1997 to address local resource concerns. The committee updated those concerns in 2003. A meeting to review and update the concerns is scheduled for January 2007. The top ten countywide concerns were determined to be: 1. Soil Erosion, 2. Water Quality/Quantity, 3. Lack of Quality Grasslands and Habitat for Wildlife, 4. Forest Health and Timber Management, 5. Solid Waste Management, 6. Farm Economics, 7. Coal Mining/Reclamation, 8. Government Over-Regulation, 9. Landowner Property Rights, 10. Drainage Concerns.

The "Birds in the Buff" initiative addresses four of the 10 concerns: 1. Soil Erosion, 2. Water Quality/Quantity, 3. Lack of Quality Grasslands and Habitat for Wildlife, and 10. Drainage Concerns.

"Birds in the Buff" is compatible with CWI 20/20 mission and vision for the State of Indiana. The program is compatible with the 20/20 Strategies for Delivery System, Technology and Outreach. Overtime this program will assist with accomplishing the 20/20 Desired Outcomes of: Cleaner Streams and Rivers, Productive Soils for Farmers, Enhance the Quality of Life of Indiana Citizens. It is a local program that brings \$21 Federal dollars into the local economy for every \$1 of State money invested. This program will also provide a consistent positive message to local citizens about the environment and quality of life through conservation.

Budget:		
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested	50/50 Match
Personnel - Grant Administrator		\$600
Fringe Benefits		
Travel - 3,500 miles @ .40 per mile (Gov't rate)	\$1,400	
Equipment (Itemize)		
1. Office Equipment		\$1,000
2. Two warm season grass drills @ \$8.00 per acre rental fee		\$6,400
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Supplies (Itemize)		
1. Supplies and Brochures		\$600
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Other Educational Workshop to inform the public		\$500
Two part time technicians at \$20.00 per hour for 800 hours	\$8,600	\$4,000
Miscellaneous		\$100
Sub-total	\$10,000	\$13,200
Total CWI Funds Requested		\$10,000
Total 50/50 Match		\$216,200
Total Project Cost		\$226,200



**Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District
104 County Road 70 E, Suite B
Bloomfield, IN 47424 (812) 384-4781 Ex. 3**

Ms. Nola Gentry, Chairperson
State Soil Conservation Board
101 West Ohio St, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

May 28, 2008

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Thank you for your time and consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

Kerry Graves, Chairman

KG:dgl

Cc: File

Board

CONSERVATION – DEVELOPMENT – SELF-GOVERNMENT

All Greene County SWCD programs and services are offered on a nondiscrimination basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap

June 16, 2008

Amy Eizinger
ISDA, Division of Soil Conservation
101 W. Ohio St. Suite 1200
Indianapolis IN 46204

Re: Clean Water Indiana Grant Extension and Project Amendment

Amy:

The Supervisors of the Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to request an extension for our Incentive Partnership for Upland Habitat Buffers promotion, project #6-CWI-305. We are requesting that the grant be extended 12 months, to terminate on July 31, 2009.

Our original grant proposal, which has been modified two times, was to have 100 acres enrolled in CP 33 by June 1, 2007. This Conservation Reserve Practice requires that the buffer strips remain hands-off, which includes mowing. Dubois County landowners prefer to keep their land well manicured so the reception to this program was slow, but during the past few months, we received commitments from landowners to sow 98.9 acres in wildlife friendly buffers and filter strips. The warm season grass buffers were to be sown by June 15.

The wet and cool spring, coupled by flooded fields prohibited the timely planting of the buffers. Some have been planted; SWCD staff will be doing field inspections to determine which buffers have been adequately installed. We are aware of several landowners who were unable to sow their buffers before the seeding deadline. To accommodate them, we are requesting to extend the deadline 12 months to allow them time to properly install their buffers.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at (812) 367-1074 with any questions.

Regards,

The Board of Supervisors,
Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District

Alan A. Weyer, Chair



**APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

<p>Use this form to apply for CWI Grants Unique Partnership Program. This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted on this form or an identical copy.</p>			
1.	Name of Soil and Water Conservation District sponsoring project: Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District		
2.	Address of Soil and Water Conservation District (street, city, state, and ZIP code): 1486 Executive Blvd. Suite A Jasper IN 47546		
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6.	List additional organizations who will assist with this project: Patoka Hills Quail Unlimited Chapter #323 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service USDA Farm Service Agency		
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9.	Title of project: Incentive Partnership for Upland Habitat Buffers		
10.	Where is the project located? (county, region, watershed) What are the geographic characteristics of the project area? The project will be located in Dubois County, in southwest Indiana. Most of the county lies within the Patoka River watershed. Dubois County is primarily rural, with 70% of the land in agriculture. The predominate soils are generally described as moderately to very slowly permeable, depending on the depth. The slow permeability creates high runoff potential and soil erosion. The landscape varies from flat cropland in the northwest corner of the county, to steep forested hills in the southeast corner of the county. The Patoka River meanders throughout the county, from the northeast corner to the southwest.		

11. Describe the project you are proposing.

The Dubois County SWCD will form a unique partnership with the Patoka Hills Quail Unlimited chapter and provide a \$100 incentive payment to encourage landowners to apply for CP33, and install habitat buffers for upland birds.

The Farm Service Agency's CP33 is a Continuous CRP practice directed primarily at improving bobwhite quail and other bird habitat. The purpose of the program is to reverse the long-term decline the bobwhite quail population has experienced by providing undisturbed nesting, brood rearing, and escape cover adjacent to cropland. Increased cover not only assists in increasing quail and bird populations, but also provides additional cover needed to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality.

For the first time in Dubois County, the SWCD will form a partnership with Quail Unlimited and provide an incentive payment to encourage landowners to take advantage of CP33. The SWCD will commit \$2000 to the program, and Quail Unlimited will contribute \$3000. The SWCD is requesting a match of \$5000 from Clean Water funds, to total \$10,000 for this project. When interested landowners sign up for CP33, the SWCD will pay a \$100 sign up bonus payment. The goal for the project is to have 100 acres enrolled in the program by June 1, 2007. To maximize the number of applicants, each landowner will be limited to 10 acres, with the minimum acreage enrolled to be 1 acre.

Once the incentive sign up payment is provided, the landowner will be required to follow all requirements of the CRP program, including the installation of buffers around the edges of existing grain fields, and not utilizing the buffers as turn rows, lanes, or roads. The CP33 buffers are to provide quail, pheasants, and songbirds with an undisturbed area, which will be considered "year-round hands-off" from any farming operations. Other benefits to the landowner include a 50% cost share payment to install the buffer, a 1 time incentive payment of 40% of the 50% paid by the Farm Service Agency, the annual rental rate, which will range from \$65 to \$140, and a \$5 per acre annual maintenance fee. The average cost to install a buffer is \$150 per acre. Once the landowner is enrolled, they will receive the \$100 sign up bonus from the SWCD, plus roughly \$105 per acre from the FSA to install the buffer. They will also receive the annual rent plus the maintenance payment. The Farm Service Agency staff will provide oversight for the CP33 application process. Staff from the Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide any needed technical assistance.

Quail Unlimited will provide technical assistance in the installation of the buffer. QU members will transport the QU Chapter's warm season grass drill to the CP33 acres, and using a seed mix specially made for the program, will sow the buffers. They will also prepare the acres by spraying for weeds. The cost for the seed, and the service of transporting the drill and sowing the acres will be an estimated \$40/acre. The cost of drill use, approximately \$5/acre, will be an in-kind match for the program.

The Dubois County SWCD and Quail Unlimited staff will create flyers and other promotional materials to promote the program.

This project is innovative in Dubois County, and will be the first time a partnership will be formed with a group outside of the Conservation Partnership. Once this program is in place, additional partnerships will be formed with area organizations, such as the Dubois County Sportsman Club to expand the project.

We request that ½ of the CWI funds be provided at the outset of the project, with the remaining funds to be disbursed at the end.

12.	<p>What is the desired project outcome? (i.e. What do you hope to accomplish?)</p> <p>The goal is to have 100 acres enrolled in CP33 by June 1, 2007.</p> <p>The project will provide many benefits to Dubois County, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased bobwhite quail habitat, with the end result an increase in bobwhite quail. • Buffering crop fields, and limiting sediment, nutrients, pesticides, and other contaminants from entering streams or other water bodies, thereby improving water quality. • Encourage increased acres enrolled in a program that is under-used in Dubois County • Cash benefits for local landowners, which can be used in other farming practices.
13.	<p>How will the project impact the soil and water resources of the geographic area in which it is located?</p> <p>The soil and water resources will be improved in the project area, in two primary ways. First, as previously mentioned, water quality will be improved by buffering the runoff off of cropped fields. Second, 100 fewer acres of land will be sown to crops each year, which will stabilize the soil in these areas.</p> <p>Dubois County has hilly terrain, and landowners attempt to maximize the amount of acres sown. In some cases, landowners are cropping the marginal acres, land better suited to grass or tree cover. Encouraging the use of buffers will allow landowners to receive a financial gain for not cropping sloping field edges. This will reduce the amount of marginal acres in crops, plus provide a buffer for the fields remaining in crop production. Reducing crop acres will reduce erosion, plus the buffer will improve water quality.</p>
14.	<p>Does this project address a short-term problem or a chronic/on-going problem which will require additional funding once grant funds are diminished? If the project is considered chronic/on-going, explain your plans for additional funding.</p> <p>This project addresses a problem that is on-going in Dubois County. This innovative partnership that has been created will remain in place, and is laying the groundwork for partnerships in the future with Quail Unlimited, and also with other community organizations. If future funding, other than Clean Water Indiana funds, is needed for this project all interested community organizations can provide funding to carry the project forward.</p>

15.	Budget:		
EXPENSE ITEM	TOTAL COST	CWI GRANT AMOUNT	50/50 CASH MATCH
Personnel			
Fringe Benefits			
Contractual	10,000	5,000	5,000
Travel			
Equipment	875		
Supplies	75		
Other			
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	10,950	5,000	5,000
<p>Total CWI funds requested: <u>\$5,000</u></p> <p>50/50 Cash Match: <u>\$5,000</u></p> <p>Total Project Cost: <u>\$10,950*</u></p> <p>*includes in-kind expenses</p>			
<p>List Sources of 50/50 Cash Match:</p> <p>Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District \$2000</p> <p>Patoka Hills Quail Unlimited Chapter #323 \$3000</p>			
<p>Describe Equipment Needed:</p> <p>No-till warm season grass drills (Provided; In-kind: \$5/acre for 100 acres; \$500)</p> <p>Sprayer/4-Wheeler</p> <p>Copy Machine (Provided; In-kind: \$25/month for 15 months; \$375)</p>			
<p>Describe Supplies Needed:</p> <p>Warm season grass seed</p> <p>Herbicide</p> <p>Paper: copy paper, envelopes, etc (Provided; In-kind: \$25.00)</p> <p>Postage (Provided; In-kind: \$50)</p>			

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT 7-8-08

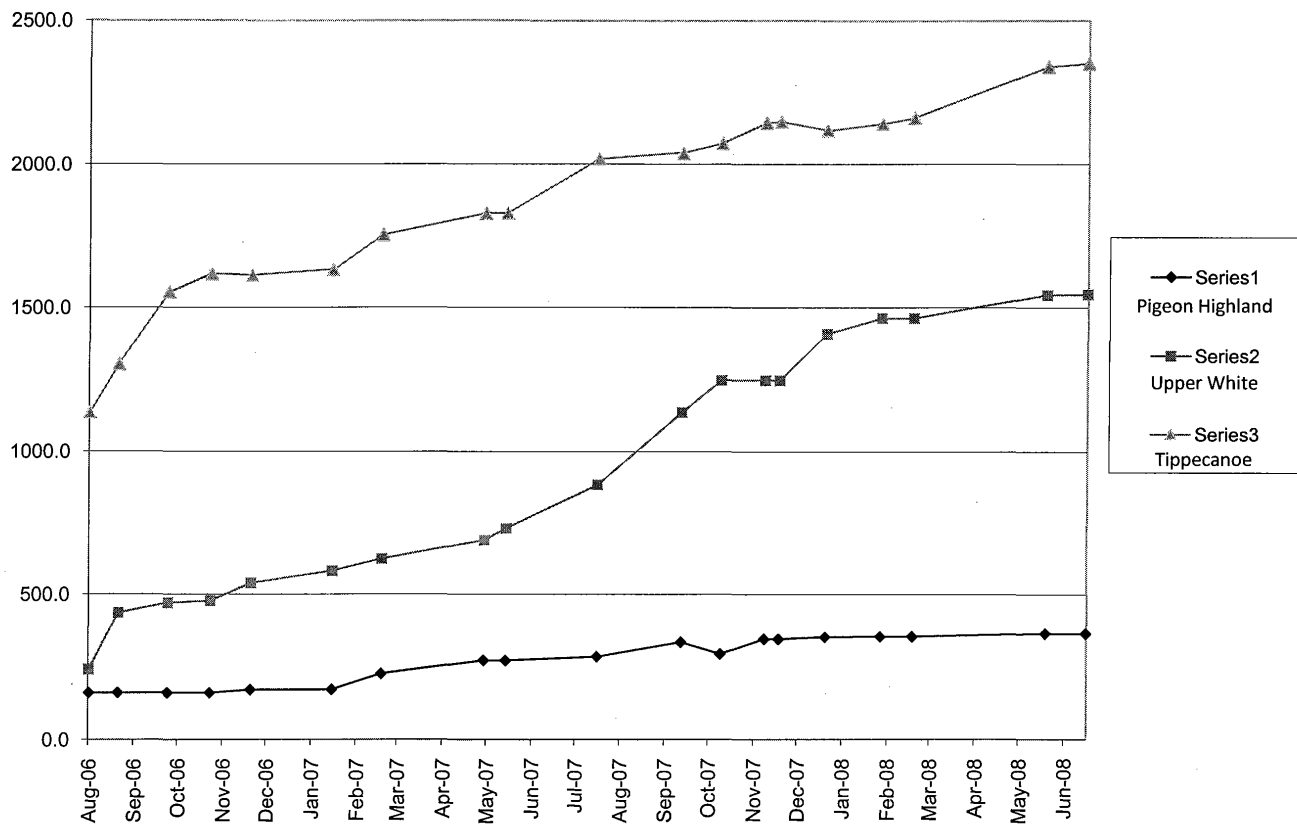
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Tippecanoe River	329	2350.58	\$173.62	\$408,115.00	\$6,854,291.28
Upper White River	206	1546.1	\$450.48	\$696,480.00	\$4,508,427.60
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	92	363.7	\$189.54	\$68,934.00	\$1,060,549.20
TOTAL	627	4260.38	\$275.45	\$1,173,529.00	\$12,423,268.08

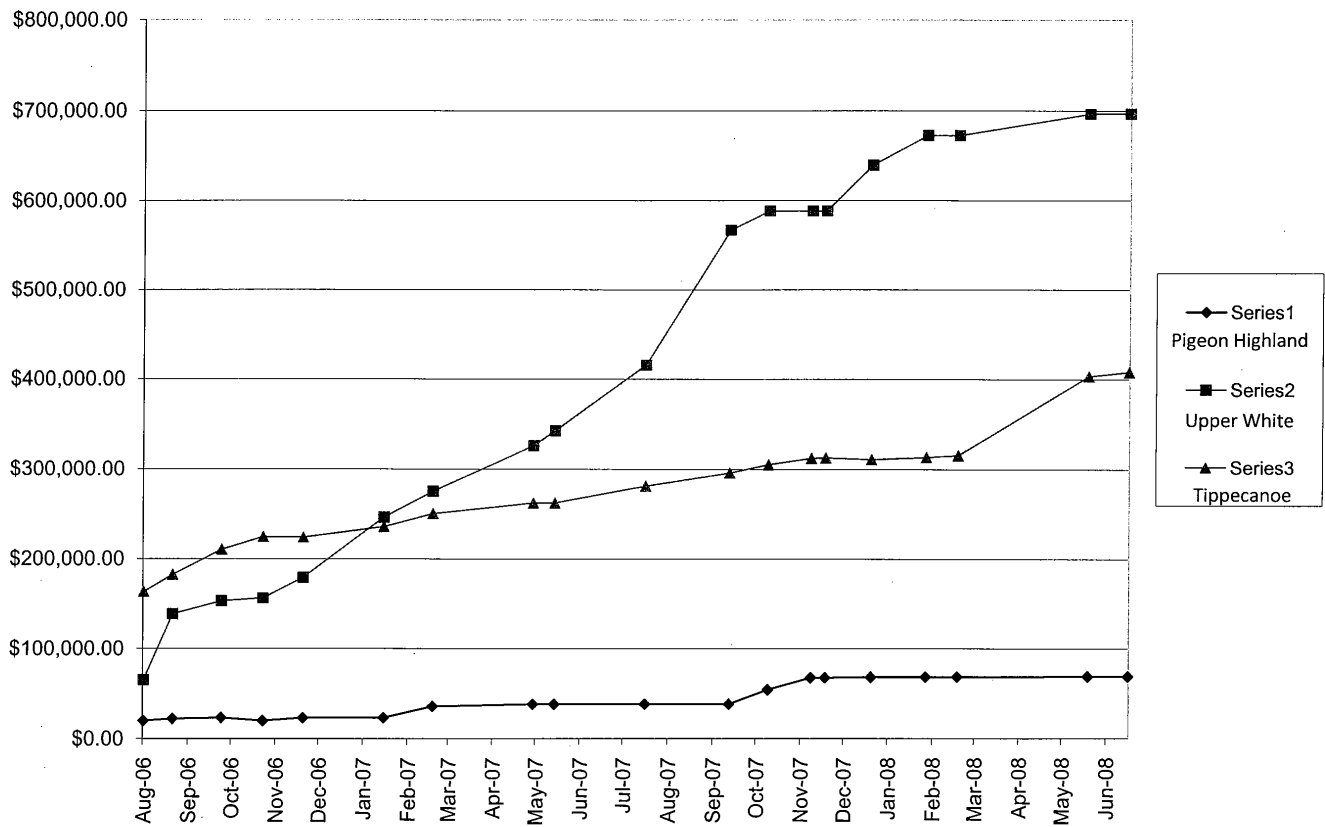
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Upper White River	183	1463.2	\$459.65	\$672,555.00	\$4,266,691.20
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	88	353.2	\$194.14	\$68,570.00	\$1,029,931.20
TOTAL	582	3979	\$265.58	\$1,056,725.00	\$11,602,764.00

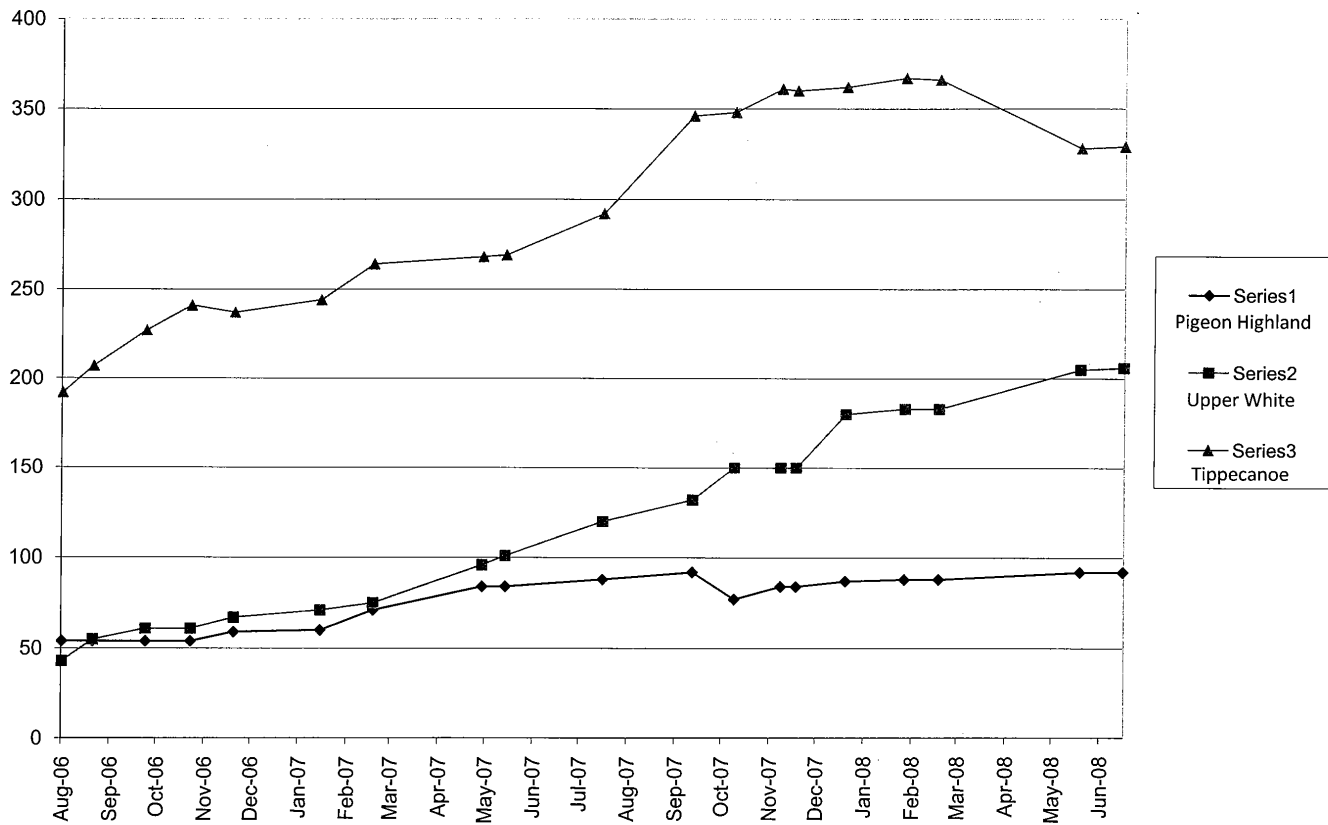
CREP Obligated Acres August 2006 - July 2008



CREP Obligated Funds August 2006 - July 2008



CREP Landowner Contracts August 2006 - July 2008



CREP Report - By County**7/8/2008****PIGEON HIGHLAND WATERSHED**

	Obligated Acres	Obligated Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Gibson	60.8	\$5,760.00	\$177,292.80
Posey	57.9	\$13,974.00	\$168,836.40
Vanderburg	163.8	\$38,500.00	\$477,640.80
Warrick	81.2	\$10,700.00	\$236,779.20
TOTAL	363.7	\$68,934.00	\$1,060,549.20

TIPPECANOE WATERSHED

	Obligated Acres	Obligated Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Benton	2.6	\$260.00	\$7,581.60
Cass	47	\$17,600.00	\$137,052.00
Fulton	334.6	\$40,090.00	\$975,693.60
Jasper	97.7	\$19,880.00	\$284,893.20
Kosciusko	216.4	\$97,695.00	\$631,022.40
Marshall	44.8	\$4,480.00	\$130,636.80
Noble	7.7	\$770.00	\$22,453.20
Pulaski	1165.38	\$157,210.00	\$3,398,248.08
Starke	219.2	\$29,750.00	\$639,187.20
White	199.6	\$38,680.00	\$582,033.60
Whitley	15.5	\$1,700.00	\$45,198.00
TOTAL	2350.48	\$408,115.00	\$6,853,999.68

UPPER WHITE WATERSHED

	Obligated Acres	Obligated Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Boone	24.5	\$3,320.00	\$71,442.00
Delaware	221.2	\$59,290.00	\$645,019.20
Hamilton	367.8	\$195,025.00	\$1,072,504.80
Hendricks	63.6	\$14,910.00	\$185,457.60
Henry	9.7	\$3,880.00	\$28,285.20
Madison	597.1	\$360,420.00	\$1,741,143.60
Randolph	172.3	\$45,970.00	\$502,426.80
Tipton	89.9	\$13,665.00	\$262,148.40
TOTAL	1546.1	\$696,480.00	\$4,508,427.60

Clean Water Indiana Grant Report for July 2008

District Training Incentives

- District Training Reimbursements for FY08 have been turned in and are going through the payment process.
- There were 80 districts that turned in receipts for reimbursement. (This is an increase from the previous two years; FY06 there were 62 and FY07 there were 76.)
- Supervisor Training totaled \$44,867.10 while Supervisor/Staff totaled \$50,303.63

Annual Financial Report

- All 92 counties have turned in their AFR and all met the criteria to receive the \$10K match. Payments have been made to the districts.

CWI 2008

- CMIG-Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant
 - Initial payments of 95% have been made to the 82 districts that are participating in that grant program. That's a total of \$155,800 that the districts are using to plan their upcoming field days.
- SNRG-Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant
 - Initial payments of 95% have been made to the 23 recipients of the SNRG. A total of \$199,975 that the districts have to carry out their grant projects.

CWI 2007

- There are 15 open grants. 4 of those are multi-year grants.

CWI 2006

- There are 10 open grants. 6 of those are multi-year grants.

The next round of quarterly reports will be due July 1st. (This will be the first round of quarterly reports for the CMIG and SNRG)

IDEM REPORT, WATERSHED PLANNING BRANCH

SSCB Meeting, 7/8/08

Submitted by Marylou Renshaw

319/TMDL Section

Section 319

- ◆ 2008 Section 319 Grant: Award of the Section 319 Grant was anticipated at the end of June, however, as of July 7th we are still waiting. Three of the 7 projects are sponsored by SWCDs. The Dearborn Co. SWCD project will continue implementing the Tanners Creek Watershed Management Plan; the Madison Co. SWCD will implement the Little Duck and Lilly Creek Watershed Management Plan; and the Delaware Co. SWCD. Will implement BMPs in the Buck Creek and Prairie Creek sub-watersheds.
- ◆ State Non-point Source Management Plan: Released the draft revised State NPS Management Plan for public notice and comment, which runs until the middle of July. Staff is working with USEPA and other key stakeholders to revise sections of the document to meet requisite standards and to reflect the numerous changes in state programs since the last Plan was drafted. We are on target to meet deadlines set forth by USEPA Region V staff for having this document in place by the end of the calendar year.

TMDL

- ◆ 38 TMDLs have been completed and approved by USEPA for this Federal Fiscal Year 2008. IDEM will be submitting the Busseron Creek Watershed TMDL and South Fork Wildcat Creek Watershed TMDL reports, which will likely count for an additional 172 TMDLs. Other TMDL projects such as Wildcat mainstem are ongoing.
- ◆ The Kankakee/Iroquois River E. coli Watershed TMDL. Sampling concluded on time and analysis will begin.
- ◆ Revised draft Busseron TMDL was released for public notice, which runs until the middle of July. Staff has been conducting further research on TMDLs from other states, to analyze the conclusions of this document.

Wetlands/Storm Water Section

Storm Water

- ◆ The first Indiana Rule 13 MS4 Annual Meeting was held on April 3, 2008 in Danville Indiana at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center, with nearly 350 people participating. The state-wide event was the result of suggestions presented at the regional MS4 meetings held by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in November and December of 2007. The meeting was designed to provide the most current information to MS4 entities on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water program and allow feedback from the participants. The information presented gave an up-date on Rule 13 to everyone who is working within an MS4 area including elected officials, MS4 operators, MS4 coordinators, County Soil and Water Districts (SWCD) and consultants. The annual meeting received the support and participation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters and Region 5 in Chicago.
- ◆ Rule 5: From January 1 through May 31st, staff persons have completed the following:

- 338 site inspections
- 78 plan reviews
- 7 outreach events with attendance of 680 people including Purdue Storm Water Conference, an several SWCD/MS4 training events.
- 21 violation letters issued
- 2 enforcement referrals.

The Rule 5 coordinator (from January 1 through May 31st) has processed and/or sent the following documents*:

- 720 Notices of Intent
- 660 Notices of Sufficiency
- 131 Notices of Deficiency

- ◆ Revised MOU between IDEM & SWCDs: Submitted to IDEM's Office of Legal Council with a subsequent meeting held to discuss formatting. We plan to present final draft to SSCB sub-committee at a date to be determined (late summer) and discuss next steps for its adoption by SWCDs.

Wetlands

- ◆ Since January 1st:
 - 316 Section 401 applications have been received
 - 196 Regional Section 401 General Permits have been reviewed/approved
 - 41 Section 401 Water Quality Certifications have been issued
 - 14 Violations have been documented
- ◆ Pooled Mitigation Efforts: IDEM, IDNR, and INDOT have been meeting monthly to review opportunities for wetland mitigation sites on state and land trust properties in the context of transportation projects including Major Moves. The concept is to have a database that matches prime areas for mitigation with projects in the 8-digit watershed.
- ◆ Rockies Express, Multiple Counties, No IDEM ID No. Agency representatives met with them on June 18, 2008, to discuss the final requirements for processing the permit.

Watershed Specialists

Flood Damage Reports from Grant-funded projects

- ◆ Busseron WMP (Sullivan County)- The Watershed Coordinator and SWCD Office Director both had flooding in their homes and homes of family members, some farmers have lost their entire crops, the roads and bridges are in terrible shape. The SWCD reports that this was the biggest flood on record in Sullivan. Other areas in the watershed that were flooded include Shelburn and Jackson Hill Lake Conservancy District. The Watershed Coordinator also teaches at Vincennes University in Knox County, and the building in which she works was half full of water and all the electronics are gone. I don't know if she lost any project-related information.
- ◆ Youngs Creek (Johnson County)- This watershed was hit hard. The building in Franklin housing the Johnson County SWCD (project sponsor) had 3 feet of water in the first floor, and was extensively damaged, but water did not reach the SWCD office on the second floor. Several other local agency staff will be temporarily housed in the building with the SWCD and will have to share office space. Major crop losses in this county. Other communities in the watershed that were affected include Camp Atterbury (which also suffered damage from a tornado earlier this month), Greenwood, Trafalgar, Whiteland, New Whiteland, and Bargersville.

* The Rule 5 coordinator took a promotion as a wetlands' project manager mid-May. A new Rule 5 Coordinator has been hired and will begin July 28th.

- ◆ Indian Creek (Johnson/Morgan Counties)- Same sponsor as Youngs Creek. The June 9th Indian Creek Steering Committee meeting was cancelled. Affected communities in the watershed include Trafalgar, Morgantown, Lamb Lake (breached dam and washed out road), Painted Hills Lake (which had a lot of erosion and mud slides) and the southeast part of Martinsville (many businesses, homes and roads damaged).
- ◆ Lower White River/McCormicks Creek (Owen County)- Affected communities include Spencer, Gosport (roads and bridges damaged), Lake Hollybrook (big hole at the south end of the dam- has the possibility of undermining the dam), Amazon Lake (minor damage to the spillway).
- ◆ Big Walnut Creek (Putnam County)- Some flooding reported, but no major damage
- ◆ Lower Eel River (Clay County)- Extensive crop damage- crops had been covered for more than a 24 hour period with floodwaters. This grant project just closed and they are considering a 319 implementation proposal, but may have to wait since folks are dealing with flood damage
- ◆ Beanblossom Creek (Brown/Monroe Counties)- The WMP grant project recently closed and the stakeholders are currently developing a 319 implementation proposal. There was severe flooding and damage to communities in this watershed, including Lake Lemon Conservancy District, Trevlac, Ellettsville, and portions of Bloomington and the IU campus. The stakeholders are exploring some tasks to include in their proposal related to some of the affected areas.
- ◆ Hart Lake Conservancy District (Morgan County)- The dam and spillway were damaged- huge pieces of shale were moved out of the creek bed below the dam and are now blocking the outlet. Significant erosion is occurring around the obstruction. This is in the White River/Lamb Creek WMP. Stakeholders are currently meeting with me to discuss further funding options for this WMP (not on an active grant).
- ◆ Reports from Kessinger Ditch (Knox County), Prairie Creek (Daviess County), Lower Patoka River at the Wabash (Gibson County) and Big Creek (Posey County) were that flooding was occurring but no major damage or issues with current and proposed grant projects expected.

NOTE: With all of these flooded areas, there is likely much more damage to areas where BMPs were installed, or were going to be installed. There may also be alterations of streams/ banks at sampling locations in the watersheds, which could affect continued data collection in some locations.

Upcoming Events/ Meetings

- ◆ Nitty Gritty Work of Plan Commissions- July 8, 2008- 3WSS will attend
- ◆ Urban BMP Field Days/ Networking Sessions- August 2008- WSS working with Michigan City and Indianapolis to host tours of urban practices such as green infrastructure, storm water BMPs, LEED certified developments. Watershed Coordinators and MS4 Operators will be the targeted audience for these tours

SSCB Meeting July, 2008

NRCS State Conservationist Report

Flooding Disaster

- NRCS Damage Survey Report (DSR) teams have been assessing damage and offering assistance to communities and landowners, while coordinating with other agencies and organizations offering help, since the flood event on June 7.
- To date, we have received 44 Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) 'exigency' requests from the field, which are sites with an immediate threat to lives or property. These requests total \$2.23 million.
- The DSR teams have been focused on EWP 'exigent' requests, but will now also begin to work on the longer term 'non-exigent' sites. It is anticipated that these requests will be around five times the amount already requested for 'exigency' projects.
- Indiana NRCS has declared a variance on Highly Erodible Land (HEL) compliance for fields in the federal disaster and adjacent counties. Farmers that need to do major repairs to bring their fields back into production can take advantage of this waiver to do repairs without risking program benefits.
- Indiana NRCS granted a one year extension for EQIP and WHIP practices scheduled for installation in the affected counties. This will allow farmers time to recover and repair damages while still meeting their federal contract obligations.
- Indiana NRCS has requested additional Fiscal Year 2008 EQIP funds to repair conservation practices damaged by the flooding. If received, these funds could repair practices originally installed under the EQIP program.
- Attached is a timeline outlining the activities and communication NRCS has been involved in since the flooding began on June 7.

2008 Farm Bill

Information on the new Farm Bill, including changes to the conservation title, can be found at:

- ✓ USDA at <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>
(hit Farm Bill under Spotlight)
- ✓ NACD at <http://nacdnet.org/policy/agriculture/farmbill/2007/>
- ✓ House Ag Committee at <http://agriculture.house.gov/inside/FarmBill.html>

Indiana Flooding Disaster Timeline of Communication

Saturday June 7	~Flooding Event Begins
Monday June 9	~State Conservationist conducts radio interviews with major ag radio networks in Indiana
Tuesday June 10	~State Conservationist, Administrative Officer and Public Affairs Specialist conduct site visit at destroyed USDA Service Center in Columbus ~ASTC Programs contacts IN Emergency Management ~State Engineer contacts DNR, Division of Water on permits and dam status
Wednesday June 11	~State Conservationist and Programs Staff hold a Teleconference with affected Area Staff ~ASTC Programs coordinates with FEMA to hold teleconference
Thursday June 12	~State Conservationist and Programs Staff hold a Teleconference with all affected field staff ~ASTC Programs provides EWP program information to State Emergency Response Division
Friday June 13	~DSR Teams directed to continue work through the Weekend ~State Engineer makes first contact with US Army Corps of Engineers, Levee Safety, Louisville District
Monday June 16	~State Conservationist e-mails one-page fact sheet, pictures and a message to NHQ, Leadership Team, State Technical Committee, State FAC, Conservation Partnership Leaders, State Soil Conservation Board, NACD, CTIC, Federal Legislators, and Indiana Association of SWCD staff, supervisors and directors. ~Leadership Team meeting on EWP ~Teleconference with Leadership Team and affected Area Conservationists ~First joint USDA (NRCS, FSA, RD & NASS) and Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) meeting
Tuesday June 17	~Mandatory meeting of newly created EWP Emergency State Office Team leaders ~IN Conservation Partnership Leaders meeting, discussed emergency flooding issues ~Emergency State Soil Conservation Board Meeting

Wednesday June 18

- ~NHQ Teleconference
- ~State FAC Meeting, discussed emergency flooding issues
- ~First joint teleconference of the Indiana agriculture leadership (state and federal agencies)
- ~Area Conservationist meeting, discussed emergency flooding issues
- ~Sent local news release on USDA Service Center office relocation due to flood damage
- ~Purdue Dean's Dinner, discussed emergency flooding issues with agriculture leaders

Thursday June 19

- ~Leadership Team Meeting
- ~NHQ Teleconference
- ~Press Conference with Indiana Ag Leaders (NRCS, FSA, ISDA, Board of Animal Health, Purdue Extension, Indiana State Chemist).
- ~State Conservationist post press conference interviews with major ag print and radio media.
- ~Teleconference with EWP Team and all affected field staff

Friday June 20, 2008

- ~Purdue Extension Call-in Forum on recovering and replanting flooded fields

Monday June 23

- ~ State Conservationist e-mails flooding update including one-page fact sheet, pictures and a message to NHQ, Leadership Team, State Technical Committee, State FAC, Conservation Partnership Leaders, State Soil Conservation Board, NACD, CTIC, Federal Legislators, and Indiana Association of SWCD staff, supervisors and directors.
- ~NRCS participates in Ag Forum for farmers in Jennings County
- ~ASTC Programs attends FEMA Meeting
- ~State Conservationist visits EWP sites in SE Indiana
- ~Midwest STC Flooding Teleconference

Tuesday June 24

- ~NRCS participates in Ag Forum for farmers in Knox County
- ~National Joint FSA/NRCS Teleconference
- ~State Conservationist visits EWP sites in SW Indiana

Wednesday June 25

- ~NRCS participates in Ag Forum for farmers in Morgan County
- ~State Conservationist visits EWP sites in Morgan County
- ~EWP Emergency State Office Team meeting to review EWP exigency requests.
- ~Midwest STC Flooding Teleconference

Friday June 27	~State Emergency Board meeting (including NRCS, FSA, FEMA, OIG, ISDA) ~EWP Emergency State Office Team meeting to finalize joint NRCS/FSA Field Training
Monday June 30	~Joint NRCS/FSA Field Training in SE Area for NRCS and partnership field employees dealing with affected producers ~Midwest STC Flooding Teleconference
Tuesday July 1	~Joint NRCS/FSA Field Training in SW Area for NRCS and partnership field employees dealing with affected producers
Wednesday July 2	~ State Conservationist e-mails flooding update including one-page fact sheet, pictures and a message to NHQ, Leadership Team, State Technical Committee, State FAC, Conservation Partnership Leaders, State Soil Conservation Board, NACD, CTIC, Federal Legislators, and Indiana Association of SWCD staff, supervisors and directors. ~EWP Emergency State Office Team meeting to review field training and status of EWP exigency requests. ~ASTC Operations attends press conference for State Treasurer Loan Program
Thursday July 3, 2008	~Midwest STC Flooding Teleconference